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I pay for my XM Radio service. They provide an invaluable service to me that isn't available thru the traditional means of broadcast. I get quality radio on demand. I feel that traffic information for any city in the USA is public domain. Federal tax dollars are used to subsidize the building and maintenance of highways and freeways throughout the country. XM Radio has a free press and free enterprise right to distribute traffic and weather information to its customers. By using the traffic and weather information provided by XM Radio, I can adjust my commute to and from the office to accommodate to traffic conditions, and I don't have to sit through thirty minutes of advertising to get the information I need as I do with traditional radio. By the time the commercials are through and the traffic update is provided, I am already sitting in traffic with traditional radio. I also don't have to worry about the information being provided too fast with XM Radio. Traditional radio tends to fly right through the information, so, they can get to their commercials faster.

Websites already exist that provide nationwide traffic information. Local newspapers and radio run stories from other cities and states. XM Radio should have the right to broadcast nationwide traffic and weather as well. In absolute numbers, the total number of people from any one city getting their traffic info from XM Radio is very small. They have just two million subscribers nationwide. XM Radio must be doing something right if the NAB is so concerned about a handful of listeners.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask that you reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM Radio's right to free enterprise and free press. I respectfully ask that you reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and support my right to quality radio programming that I demand and deserve.

Thank You,

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